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Dear Gratton

I now attach the bundle for the appeal to be lodged; we probably need to do this ASAP.

You will see that you have the appendix's 1,2 and 4. You need to type a list of the proposed occupiers and some brief information about their needs. That will be appendix 3.

You need to sign the appeal form on page 8 at the top.

Please then send the appeal to:

- ✓ The Planning Inspectorate
- ✓ The Basildon Planning Department
- ✓ The English Partnerships.



It is important that all are sent at the same time; in addition please send me a copy of the complete bundle.

I will then write to you with a letter to each of the proposed occupiers with legal aid forms for their signature. When those forms are returned I will get the further information and evidence needed.

Remember that all the correspondence will be sent to you, at first and so as soon as it is received you should send me a copy.

I also attach copy letter written to English Partnerships.

Regards

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07 PITSEA APPEAL
- ENGLISH

Ref: BC/Dale Farm, Pitsea.

26th November 2007.

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Dear Mr Harman,

Dale Farm Housing Ass.
Old Terminus Drive, Pitsea

I have been asked to help the Dale Farm Housing Association in regard to the Planning Application and now appeal lodged in relation to the above land.

I have seen your letter of the 19th March 2007 and fully appreciate the matters you raise.

I hope that you appreciate that there is a significant lack of sites for gypsies nationally and especially in Basildon and the East of England. It is clear from information received and court decisions that a major part of the problem is that the area is predominately Metropolitan Green Belt and therefore there is no land for residential development.

There have been a large number of gypsies who have, in desperation, purchased land at Dale Farm. There has been a series of refusals of planning permission and the Council is now proceeding to take direct action to move the persons from the land.

In the appeals in which I have been involved the Council has accepted there are no pieces of land for the gypsies to occupy when they are evicted. In consequence when they are forced to leave the land they will occupy other land unlawfully, probably on road side verges.

That will cause a major problem for the families and also for those on whose land they occupy and for the Police and Local Authorities. In fact many of those involved have major health problems and special educational needs

which is of great concern.

As you know the then Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Prescott suggested that the land at Terminus Drive could be a possible site.

As you state at present the land has been suggested for employment use and now it is suggested that that use be changed to a totally different use, for sports clubs.

If it is suggested that the use can be changed for a Sports club, then, why not for a gypsy site? I suggest that serious consideration be given to the present appeal.

In fact there is an immediate need for sites, so is it not possible for you to grant a lease for, say, 5years for the gypsy site and then review your stance when you have made decisions on the long term future of the land.

I hope you will therefore reconsider your position and agree to allow the land to be used for gypsies.

I enclose as a formality a copy of the Appeal form and Grounds of Appeal, please acknowledge receipt.

If you would like to discuss this on the telephone my mobile is 07966938343.

Yours sincerely

Brian Cox
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